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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a teletype message of July 15, 1934, from the New Orleans Field Division of the FBI, concerning the Louisiana State investigation.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
ARRESTED YESTERDAY ON STATE INDICTMENTS MENTIONED
IN TELETYPE LAST NIGHT MADE BOND WITH EXCEPTION OF JAMES
[REDACTED] WHO WAS STILL INCARCERATED IN DAIRY HOUSE
PENITENTIARY. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE IS EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE HERE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING AND TO CONFER WITH
USA VIOSCA AT NIEN TOMORROW MORNING. I AM LEAVING HERE
TODAY FOR WASHINGTON. HOWEVER AGENT C.W. DUNKER IS
THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH ENTIRE MATTER AND WILL FOLLOW ALL
DEVELOPMENTS, KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH USA VIOSCA AND
WILL SEND YOU DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARIES OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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I am transmitting herewith a teletype message dated July 14, 1939, from the New Orleans Field Division of the FBI, concerning the Louisiana investigation.

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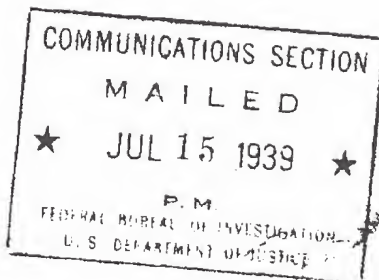
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Mr. Tolson _____
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE FOLLOWING:

MEMPHIS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT YOUR BUREAU

KIND SUBMITTED BY ALBINO SUBJECTS TO SUBMIT THE VIOLATION AND

TO WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO TESTIFY. THIS IS ONLY REPORT OF ANY

THE SUMMARY ALSO SHOWS WHAT WITNESSES ARE APPARENTLY AVAILABLE AND

DOLLARS OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE OF BIRMINGHAM HOTEL.

THE DETAILS OF THE MAIL FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVING SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND

FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS AND VARIOUS INFORMATION WE WERE ABLE TO GET

PREPARED BY OUR OFFICE HERE SETTING OUT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE

IT AT MAIL FRAUD. I HAVE JUST SENT YOU ALSO A SUMMARY REPORT

RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTE E. HART

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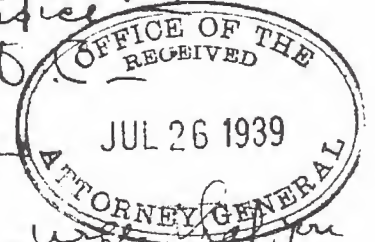
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Hon Frank H. Murphy, Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington - D.C.



Dear Mr. Murphy:

We the undersigned wish that you
make a thorough fearless inves-
tigation of political conditions in
Louisiana as they affect Relief
Funds & all Federal laws in-
volved -

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With the present set up in the
state it will be impossible to
reach the ring leaders unless
until the Federal Government
has uncovered - enough to in-
dicate these leaders -

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A previous Attorney General made
the mistake of dropping prose-
cutions against certain men,
out of which the fact built
this corrupt machine.

would have been broken —
We beg that you stand by Louis
Cairns. The entire country is
so doing prevent the under-
mining of democratic govern-
ment —

Respectfully yours,
Marguerite Richardson
Catherine P. Labouisse

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CONNECTION WITH KPA VIOLATIONS.

FEDERAL INDICTMENTS EXPECTED TOMORROW OF MINOR OFFICIALS IN
MAN, EVIDENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH HOT OIL VIOLATIONS. ADDITIONAL
OF THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, AND W. T. BURTON, WEALTHY OIL
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LOUISIANA CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER, ADMITTED HE GOT LARGE
FIGURES TO STATE. USA VIOLCA ADVISED THAT W. A. RANKIN, FORMER
EATON BOUGE YESTERDAY IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPLY COMPANY SELLING
STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY COMPANY, INDICTED STATE GRAND JURY
AND A K. WILPATRICK, WITH WHOM ABERNATHY IS CONNECTED IN
ABERNATHY, FORMER CHAIRMAN LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING. L. P.

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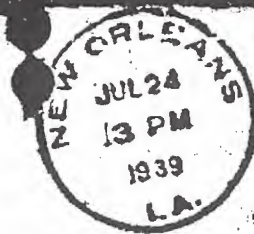
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- Mr. Ladd
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- Mr. Rosen
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Large handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover



Hon. Frank P. Murphy, Attorney General,
U.S. Attorney General 's Office
Washington, D.C.

IMPORTANT
Personal

New Orleans, La.

Hon. Frank P. Murphy, Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Is there any truth to the terrible slanderous information that is gaining great impetus here in New Orleans and Louisiana. This information is supposed to have leaked out from the office of Mayor Robert Maestri of New Orleans and is getting about fast. They claim that all "Hot Oil" investigations are being killed by you and the President and that the whole colored thing in Louisiana is being kept out of the State. Here is the story:

It is said that Robert Maestri, Mayor and the big mob were caught in the night at Leesville La. on parol and shipping it out State. They claim William Helis, a millionaire Greek who has made a fortune in La. oil, was in partnership with Maestri. Over a disagreement they agreed to split up and Maestri asked \$7,000,000 for his share of oil lands and holdings. Helis agrees, but left New Orleans to attend a convention of Greeks or Oil men in New York. They claim Elliott Roosevelt and Jim Farley both addressed this convention and after some a check was sent to Maestri for \$7,000,000 and it was signed by Elliott or maybe Farley. They claim Maestri took a photostatic copy of the check and as now held it over your heads and thus secured a squashing of the whole federal investigation here. The people of the City and State are sore as to laxes and some have written to John Hamilton, head of the Republican Committee and to Fish, Vandenberg and others in the Republican Party. What they are saying about President Roosevelt is plenty all over the State.

Another rumor gotten out is that the present Governor Earl Long phoned Roosevelt at his Chamber White House and called him plenty.

Governor Earl Long made a speech yesterday before 5,000 people at a large National Guard Maneuver, Sunday the 23rd inst., and told them W.P.A. was crooked in every state in America and this State didn't come anywhere near being as crooked as these other States. He also stated in a speech a few months ago that he never supported Roosevelt and never would.

Please don't let the people of this graft ridden State down. They have pinned their hopes on you and Pres. Roosevelt and they will never forget the Party if they sell them short.

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August 11, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of a communication dated July 18, 1939, received by the Attorney General from Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, and referred to the Bureau. It is desired that you be furnished by your office to United States Attorney Ross A. Tamm, New Orleans.

Mr. Smith's communication has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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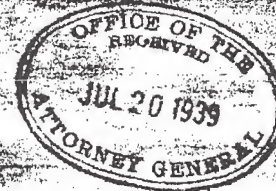
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Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith
Detroit Island Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

July 18, 1939

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on relief, and vote the anti-New Deal ticket.

"These facts were made known to the representatives of the United States Government. At that time, former Governor James Moe even presented a bound volume of eleven thousand signed affidavits, but no action was taken. I even, when I spoke in the New York City Hippodrome, in October, 1936, displayed one whole volume of these affidavits, and no action was taken.

"Mr. Frank Murphy may send fifty men to prison for embezzlement, forgery, misappropriation of funds in this combination Louisiana-New Deal program of corruption, but he will never satisfy the people of Louisiana and the millions of people in the South until he has laid before the people of the United States the report of a complete, thorough investigation into the conspiracy behind the assassination of the New Deal's worst enemy, Huey P. Long.

"Whether Attorney General Murphy has the courage to investigate the assassination of Huey P. Long or not may answer the question, Is he a statesman or a politician, is he a judicial mentality or a New Deal puppet?

"I prophesy that nothing will be brought out reflecting on the way Huey P. Long handled money; nothing will be brought out revealing corruption prior to the deal between these indicted personalities and President Roosevelt; and, when this mess is cleaned up it will be cleaned up by representatives of the people who were loyal to Huey Long when he lived, when he was killed, and since his death. This loyalty was based largely upon his courage to sacrifice patronage, prestige, and political power in order to oppose the bureaucratic, socialistic, corrupt dictatorship of Mr. Roosevelt's alphabetical New Deal.

"In the fall of '36 I addressed seventy-two thousand people in an open park in New Orleans, at which time I foretold this whole program of corruption.

"I am afraid that if Attorney General Murphy presses the investigation into the Hot Oil program in Louisiana, he will come painfully close to the sensitive nerve system of 'honest' Harold Ickes."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMS

RE: MR. JAMES MURPHY, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POLITICAL SITUATION IN LOUISIANA

TAMS TWO

SAC Sackett called from New Orleans and furnished the following developments concerning the above-entitled matter:

George Caldwell, the Superintendent of Construction at Louisiana State University who resigned a few days ago, was arrested on a Federal Commissioner's complaint in New Orleans this morning and has been released on \$10,000.00 bond. The complaint charges Caldwell with having used VPA labor and material for unauthorized purposes. It appears that the U. S. Attorney subpoenaed Caldwell before the Grand Jury and upon his refusal to sign a waiver and testify, the U. S. Attorney had the VPA investigators swear to a complaint.

One J. Fair Hardin, who up until about three months ago was Assistant U. S. Attorney at Shreveport and who is a vigorous prosecutor, together with another individual, has been appointed a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the State by Governor Long. Early this afternoon, Hardin telegraphed U. S. Attorney Vlosca that he, Hardin, has a great deal of information which definitely indicates a violation of the mail fraud statutes on the part of Dr. Smith in connection with Smith's having sent bonds through the mails. Based on this information, Mr. Vlosca has telephonically requested the Post Office Inspectors at Fort Worth to have a Post Office Inspector conduct the necessary investigation in Baton Rouge, which will be done tomorrow apparently.

Mr. Sackett's teletype last night showed the result of the interview with James M. Brown. This individual furnished FBI Agents considerable information than he has given any other agency, State or Federal and admitted his correct name to be James Murphy. He also stated he was born at Pittston, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1908. He is quite fearful of physical violence should it become known that he is James Murphy. Something occurred in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which is causing him considerable concern. He was arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department in 1929 allegedly on a fictitious charge of failing to pay an employee, which is stated to be the result of his crusading as a newspaper man against crooked politics in Pittsburgh. Brown's

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MEMO FOR MR. TANK

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Fingerprints were taken by the "Napier" Service of Baton Rouge when he was arrested on the state indictment. They apparently have been forwarded to the Bureau under the name of James Marshall Brown. Brown is hoping that the search of his fingerprints in the files of the Bureau's Identification Division will result in his prior arrest becoming known. Dr. Sackett requested the criminal record of Brown, true name James Murphy, with the idea in mind of using the name as a means of obtaining further information from Brown. I instructed him to furnish the Bureau further descriptive data in order to effect a positive identification. Sackett also stated he desired a check made on James Murphy at Pittsburgh today and I told him this would be taken care of.

Dr. Sackett conferred with U. S. Attorney Viosec today in an effort to determine the status of the entire setup in Louisiana at the present time. According to Viosec, Special Assistant to the Attorney General Arnold Run in New Orleans, has heckled the witnesses before the Grand Jury to such an extent that the Grand Jury has asked Viosec not to permit Run to appear before the Grand Jury. It is Run's desire to have all the witnesses appearing giving false testimony in his opinion indicated for perjury.

From the information in Viosec's possession at the present time, the income tax case against Dr. Smith is not very strong. The evidence consists of several items during the 1935, 1937 and 1938 income tax returns on which Smith failed to pay the tax. U. S. Attorney Viosec expects to have income tax evasion indictments returned as he makes each case, however, with respect to the WPA investigation before the Grand Jury, he does not expect any indictments to be returned until all his witnesses have been submitted. It is contemplated to have one large conspiracy indictment. The WPA investigators have not as yet submitted any written reports to the U. S. Attorney but he has been promised copies of all statements obtained.

Respectfully,

J. F. GLASS

1308 Eschrie Temple Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana

July 23, 1939

Honorable James T. Vanecko,
United States Attorney,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

In accordance with past procedure of this office,
further information relative to alleged WPA irregularities is
being transmitted.

An anonymous telephone call was received from an in-
dividual who advised that in the construction of a garage at the
Jackson Barracks in New Orleans, Louisiana, all bricks from Marshall
Hospital had been used; that two car loads of new bricks which were
supposed to have been used in the construction of this garage had
been hauled away from the Jackson Barracks in State trucks. He
advised that other WPA material had been pilfered from the Jackson
Barracks in State trucks but he did not know the disposition of these
materials.

The same informant advised that WPA labor and materials
were used on private projects at Laplace, Louisiana; that OSCAR
KRYHAUD, president of the bank at Laplace, and SEYMOUR MARTIN, an
attorney and plantation owner at Laplace, benefited by WPA labor
and materials.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of a letter
addressed to the Attorney General, postmarked at University, Louisiana,
July 1, 1939.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Frank,



While you have them on the job in Louisiana
I have your men to question Mrs. Francis Jastrumski
who I believe is still working in the City hall in N.O.
or was in 38. Also the woman who had charge of the
City owned apt. house where Mr. Jastrumski lived in 37.

You can get a lot of info on where P.W.A.
other federal money went and how. Bob Mastri and
Dick got it. Also you can get the low down on
the Auto license money, and salary percent reduction
from City and State employees.

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Best of luck to you. It's a copy
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Sincerely, George Thompson

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P.S. Michayan is sure gone to hell since you left - was there the

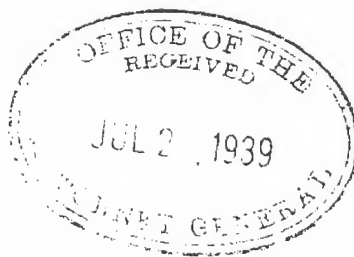
Attorney Gen Murphy: Dear Sir

These stickers will make a fool out of you, unless you put real pressure on them - as Dewey would do.

Without Voting Machines
La is at their Mercy? Votes are not even counted by this gang.

Very Truly

J. C. Wigginton
V. C. Resident



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New Orleans, La.
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS:
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

On July 24, 1939, RENE A. VIOSCA, United States Attorney, New Orleans, made a formal request for a Bureau accountant familiar with hot oil investigations. He advised that CLIFFORD C. ROWLAND and DONALD BURNETT of the Division of Petroleum Conservation, Department of Interior, had submitted a report covering an investigation of the Lincoln Oil Company in 1937 which was not acted upon. That W. A. HELLIS, Greek Consul, is President of the Lincoln Oil Company and ROBERT S. MAESTRI, Mayor of New Orleans, is a stockholder.

VIOSCA advised that the investigators of the Division of Petroleum Conservation had submitted some preliminary reports and were continuing their investigation, but complete investigation would necessitate checking the books of several big oil companies to see if there was an effort on the part of these companies to falsify their records.

MR. VIOSCA suggested that in the event a Bureau accountant was assigned to investigate this case, the accountant would work with the investigators of the Division of Petroleum Conservation who are familiar with hot oil investigations. He advised the investigation would entail a good deal of work and would probably take at least a month.

If the Bureau considers accepting the investigation requested by MR. VIOSCA under the same conditions as the mail fraud investigations are accepted, it is suggested that the Bureau authorize this office to request the reports of the Division of Petroleum Conservation so that it might determine the exact extent of the accounting investigation necessary.

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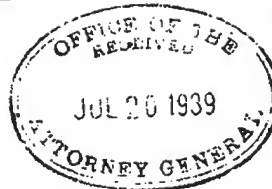
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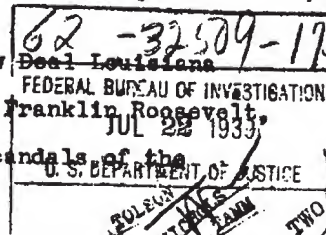
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on relief, and vote the anti-New Deal ticket.

"These facts were made known to the representatives of the United States Government. At that time, former Governor James Noe even presented a bound volume of eleven thousand signed affidavits, but no action was taken. I even, when I spoke in the New York City Hippodrome, in October, 1936, displayed one whole volume of these affidavits, and no action was taken.

"Mr. Frank Murphy may send fifty men to prison for embezzlement, forgery, misappropriation of funds in this combination Louisiana-New Deal program of corruption, but he will never satisfy the people of Louisiana and the millions of people in the South until he has laid before the people of the United States the report of a complete, thorough investigation into the conspiracy behind the assassination of the New Deal's worst enemy, Huey P. Long.

"Whether Attorney General Murphy has the courage to investigate the assassination of Huey P. Long or not may answer the question, Is he a statesman or a politician, is he a judicial mentality or a New Deal puppet?

"I prophesy that nothing will be brought out reflecting on the way Huey P. Long handled money; nothing will be brought out revealing corruption prior to the deal between these indicted personalities and President Roosevelt; and, when this mess is cleaned up it will be cleaned up by representatives of the people who were loyal to Huey Long when he lived, when he was killed, and since his death. This loyalty was based largely upon his courage to sacrifice patronage, prestige, and political power in order to oppose the bureaucratic, socialistic, corrupt dictatorship of Mr. Roosevelt's alphabetical New Deal.

"In the fall of '36 I addressed seventy-two thousand people in an open park in New Orleans, at which time I foretold this whole program of corruption.

"I am afraid that if Attorney General Murphy presses the investigation into the Hot Oil program in Louisiana, he will come painfully close to the sensitive nerve system of 'honest' Harold Ickes."

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The Sun

ARABIAN NIGHTS IN LOUISIANA

Remain While Our
Abroad.

THE SUN—Sir: The
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Legally, What Is a Bank?

Ambiguity Found in the Quinn Satur-
day Closing Act.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: De-
spite its far-reaching effect upon millions
of New Yorkers, the recently enacted
amendment to the General Construction
Law, which provides that "Any bank or
trust company duly chartered, incor-
porated, organized and/or doing busi-
ness within the State of New York may
remain closed on each Saturday during
the months of July and August upon
the adoption of a resolution to such
effect by a majority vote of the board
of directors thereof," evidencing bad
draftsmanship on the part of the State

"NEUTRALITY" EXAMINED

A New Jersey Analysis of United States
Thought on Alien Politics.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Why
bother with all this unnecessary talk
about "neutrality"? This nation was
not "neutral," in the true sense of the
word, even before entering the last big
European conflict. In spite of it being
"stuck" for many billions of dollars,
it has not changed. We know perfectly
well, and so do all Germans, Italians
and Japanese, we shall always be in-
volved when, and if British interests
are in danger.
Whether or not we should always
"aid" Great Britain to keep her power

A River Changed Its Be

Nature's Conspiracy Against the Eig-
teenth Amendment.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Men-
ries of prohibition days recall to
mind an incident involving what I
always seemed to me an example
nature in her most pranksome mo-
A river changed its course, an ex-
puncher took advantage of it with
cellent profit and the law officers
two countries lately pored over le-
tomes for precedent to justify
actions to enforce the law.
On the northern bank of the
Grande on the Texas-Mexico border
situated the city of El Paso, Texas

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MR. FARLEY has MR. MORGENTHAU at a disadvantage. HENRY may cry his baby bonds, but he can't suggest that they will ever be worth more than is promised on the face. JIM sells his commemorative stamps at 99 per cent profit and they never have to be redeemed. It is almost as good as the government's Social Security racket.

After nearly seven months of debate, discussion and argument the New Jersey Legislature has failed to solve the State's most urgent problem, the raising of money for relief. It is true that in the last couple of weeks the Assembly and the Senate, by a miracle of energy and perseverance, succeeded in passing two bills devised to obtain some money for the aid of townships and boroughs requiring aid in assistance of their poor. One of these bills, however, though it became a law, is now open to question before the courts because it calls for diversion of \$2,000,000 from the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. Governor MOORE has just vetoed the other relief measure passed by the Legislature, a bill to divert \$3,000,000 from the State sinking fund.

Russia's Population.

For the last time, this time last week, President Roosevelt was warned that if he came to the House this morning, he would be voted out of the building. Now it appears that when the labor board ten days ago changed its rules to permit employers to sue for lost elections, it was only trying in vain to turn the tide. For it was on June 30 that the Rules Committee of the House voted 7 to 4 to report favorably the resolution for an inquiry into the board's work.

By the terms of this resolution, introduced by Representative HOWARD W. SMITH of Virginia, a Democrat, a committee of five will be empowered to study the rise or fall in number of strikes since the labor board was set up; the charges of bias in the board's conduct for or against any labor organization and for or against employers; the need for amendments to the Wagner act, and trouble arising from rules and regulations of the board. That the House has accepted such a task is due partly to the tactics of its Labor Committee, which has seemed intentionally to drag out the hearings on amendments.

If an inquiry into the board's record should at last rout the foes of amendment, and so assist in satisfying the clamor for modification of an unfair law, it may seem justified. For the moment it is encouraging to note that the vote in the House, 254 to 134, indicates that popular disgust with the Wagner act and its consequences is making some impression on Congress.

A man from Missouri who is in the House of Representatives said recently that if President ROOSEVELT insists on passage of the spending-lending bill Congress "undoubtedly will be here until September 1." But it was too

days ago that the Congressman made this observation, and now it seems likely that pressure to pass the \$2,800,000,000 bill may be strong enough to force it through before an August adjournment. How can it help business while the general feeling persists that the effect will be not to revive better times, but to cause in 1940 a false spurt like that of 1937? Originally the program in the bill was defined as self-liquidating, but the change of name to "works financing act" now reveals plainly the kind of criticism Congress has heard of such pretense.

A notion persists in Congress, moreover, that business is now more seriously in want of loans than of anything else. Measures have been proposed to increase RFC insurance of loans to small business, as though that were the essential and immediate need. If borrowing alone could revive small business quickly, the borrowers, Congress may be sure, would have squawked more loudly for aid by now.

the House to express their resentment against the Administration's abuses of political power. The debate on the proposal to prohibit Federal jobholders in administrative positions from active interference in political campaigns took an astonishing turn. Foes of the measure attempted to head upon a number of amendments that they hoped would seem so severe to the membership of the House as to bring about defeat of the bill. They reckoned without careful consideration of the strength of a powerful bloc of Democrats who joined the Republican members in approving the bill. If the Senate retains section 9 of the bill as adopted by the House it will become unlawful for employees of the executive branch of the Federal government to use their position for purposes that will affect the result of a primary or general election in which President, Vice-President and members of Congress are nominated or elected. In this as in the vote on the NLRB Inquiry and on the new relief act the lower house has displayed disapproval of methods fundamental to the Administration's policies.

A thief attempting to escape by row boat from a patrolman in the Bronx was captured by a policeman who had providently concealed a skiff for use in such an emergency. That officer of the law does not belong on the force but in a detective story.

Humorous, but Lingular.
Chemist, stir me up a scuttle
Of some deadly, direful draft
Lingular, but not too subtle,
Brew me, with your utmost craft

Something with a latent venom
Leisurely, but sure as fate;
For there are some public enemies
I plan to liquidate.

I require a lethal potion
To correct the sad mistake
Of the cooks who have the notion
That a shortcake's made with cake.

Also I would fain disseminate this stuff among the guys who insist on putting lemon in their so-called apple pies.

-Chemist, slip me stuff to slaughter
Chefs who make "New England
Chowder"
With tomato juice and water;
And I'd like a poison powder.

Which'll put a funeral taper
At the wicked Baker's head
Who sells yeast and blotting paper
As Old-Fashioned Home-Made Bread

Fire burn and cauldron bubble
With a dose that's wholly evil
Which'll cause consistent trouble
In the innards of the weevil

Who disguises meats and fishes
With a highly seasoned sauce
And "improves" our native dishes
So that they're a total loss:

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Which will lay upon their biers
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He also says no blankets. The mattress covers 100,000 single mattress protectors, 80,000 towels, 40,000 pajamas, 32,000 bedsheets. These articles would be given away. Any one wishing should please apply to the Bureau for Medical Supplies, 11 William street. The Bureau will arrange to deliver them.

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To THE EDITOR:
The last few years have seen a popularity of the '90s. At that time, it was comparatively safe to ride a bicycle. Today's rider is a motorist and a serious injury can result. Some bicycles are built, but they are not safe. A definite proof of this is the following suggestions:
1. Set streets and highways straight.
2. No bicycles on highways.
3. Bicycle repairmen should be licensed.
4. No night riding.
5. License a bicycle.
6. Bicycle safety to regulation.
At present, the bicycle is a complete immunity to regulation.

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To THE EDITOR
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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& others.

Sincerely

J. S. Weber

1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 20, 1939

Honorable Rafe A. Vlosca
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the past procedure in this office, information received which may have a bearing upon the present situation is being forwarded to your office herewith.

J. N. Kelley, Mount-O-Ink Company, 817 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he had a brother named W. P. Kelley who was foreman of the municipal repair plant in New Orleans and his brother had known for two years that trucks had been taking WPA materials to the home of the former Governor R. W. Leche, Covington, Louisiana.

Kelley also advised that Hellis, Robert Maestri and R. W. Leche were supposed to be partners in an oil company in Louisiana; that this oil company was known as the Lincoln Oil Company; and that Hellis was the front man for this company, Hellis being a naturalized Greek who is now in Greece. Kelley advised that the Greek Consulate buys 4,000,000 barrels a year from the United States; that a great deal of this oil is purchased through the Lincoln Oil Company; that the oil is shipped on the Lykes Brothers Steamship Company ships and that the oil shipped is reported to be "hot oil". Kelley advised that he understood 16,000,000 barrels of "hot oil" went out in the last four years; that at one time when he was in the offices of the Lincoln Oil Company the bookkeeper there complained about the big figures he had to place in small spaces, indicating that the company was sending a great deal of oil out of the United States. He advised that the Lykes Brothers Steamship Company and the Lincoln Oil Company were on the same floor of the Whitney Bank Building in New Orleans.

The informant known as Tom again telephonically called this office on July 18, 1939. He advised that he understood Dr. Lorio took orders from R. W. Leche; that Dr. Lorio pocketed everything he obtained. Tom advised that there were no salary deductions of WPA workers in New Orleans as far as he knew; and that the only possibility of this was in connection with the WPA

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on Tulane Avenue. He advised that he understood Hampton Reynolds got a rake-off from companies who furnished materials in connection with WPA projects. Tom further advised that the United States Conservation Commission was supposed to have given to Louisiana State University the sum of \$575,000.00 to be used by the University for the construction of some sort of conservation building. He advised that although the Conservation Commission books show that \$575,000.00 had left the Conservation Commission, the University books indicate that the University received \$67,800.00 less than the Conservation Commission showed they received; that there was evidently a leakage along the line; that he did not know if Rankin or some other State officials received the money. Tom further advised that he understood Seymour Weiss was half-owner of a gambling house at 118 1/2 Baronne Street and was connected there with Bob Maestri and Joe Brown. Tom also advised that he understood that Weiss, Dreyferth and Seifert did a lot of work for the State of Louisiana; that at one time Weiss and Dreyferth tried to give Huey Long \$50,000.00 which Long threw out the door and would not accept. Tom advised that Seymour Weiss was reported to have been born at Bunkie, Louisiana, but from there he went to Alexandria, Louisiana, where he became a pimp and was supposed to have been made by Huey P. Long.

The enclosed anonymous letters are also included with this letter for your information.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(Copy of anonymous communication
received July 18, 1939)

Gentlemen:

If you would like to have some real evidence handed to you on a platter, you might investigate the following: About two years ago, it is alleged that Jim Hill had charge of the deducts fund. When it had reached the three hundred thousand mark he said to the ring, "I propose to take over this money for myself. This will probably make you angry and you may wish to start something, but you had better not. I have filed away in my deposit box at the bank a twenty page typewritten statement giving a statement of your individual records. If I turn up missing, or am injured in any way those records become public property. Knowing me as well as you do, you will admit that no one can tell your story as well as I." It is stated that these funds were used in the investment in a New Orleans race track. I wonder whether his income tax report covers this gain.

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(Postmarked New Orleans, La.,
July 18, 1939.)

(Copy of anonymous communication
received July 19, 1939)

The man behind the insurance racket is Thom Hill, the boss Pendegast of N. O. He operates a refrigerator business with Joe Skelly, the Commissioner, at the corner of St. Charles & Calliope St. Woe betide you if you don't buy their goods. Their name do not appear in this firm but they are the owners allright.

Hill also operates with Joe Brown that jip joint at 118 1/2 Baronne St. It is a 50-50 proposition. Hill maintains a fine home with a retinue of servants, riding stable, yacht Alto at Claremont Harbor in Mississippi.

How does he do it? How much income tax does he pay?

This is strictly confidential. My motive is not revenge but only for the purpose of helping the Federal Government to catch all the crooks operating in La.

(Postmarked New Orleans, La.,
July 18, 1939)

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith two photostatic copies of a letter dated at Goose Creek, Texas, July 19, 1939, received by the Bureau from Mr. W. L. Atwood. It is desired that one copy be furnished by your office to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans.

Mr. Atwood's letter has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Mr. Q. Tamm _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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PO Box 55,
Goose Creek, Texas,
July 19, 1939.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While this is an unsolicited report, and the statements made here are ones that have come to me through members of my mother's relatives who are closely associated with the present state administration in Louisiana, I believe them to be true and might be of some value in conducting your investigation in Louisiana. I should prefer that my name not be disclosed, but a little check can verify a part of these statements.

The late State Senator from Alexandria, George W. Lee, was a brother to my mother. From statements made by him I believe that Huey Long was not killed by Dr. Wiess as alleged. Interrogate the coroner that removed the bullet, and the nurse that was present at the time, and I believe that you will find the calibre of the bullet removed was 45, the type fired by an Italian bodyguard. The calibre of the gun alleged to have been used by Dr. Wiess was smaller.

The next item is rebates, or commissions paid to individuals closely connected to the administration, for supplies furnished the State and WPA projects. I understand that my uncle received a rebate of 10 cents per cubic yard on all gravel or sand delivered on jobs in a certain part of central Louisiana. This same policy was apparently followed in other parts of the State.

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My uncle was also associated with Earl Long. I have heard that the present governor has knowingly filched the state out of funds. In one case a cow belonging to him had been killed on the roadside. He had the cow skinned and sold the carcass to one of the State institutions at Alexandria, either the home for Feeble Minded, or the Insane Asylum, for \$100.00. The carcass was unfit for human consumption and was dumped. If your representative will interview Mrs. Ola Carron, in Pineville, I believe she will verify this statement.

Earl Long also carries deadheads on the payroll and I have several relatives so carried. There is my uncle's widow, Mrs. Alice Lee, of Pineville whom I understand is carried on the payroll at a salary of \$200.00 per month. Also her son who is a school boy is carried as a junior game warden at a salary of \$50.00. There are other relatives that are being deadheaded on the State payroll. I understand another uncle receives a commission on all cooking oils sold to state institutions.

I get along fine with my relatives, but cannot condone their political actions. For this reason would prefer that this information be treated confidential. At the same time it will be a lead others that I am sure are being on the graft-end of state and federal funds.

Sincerely,

W. L. Atwood

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 17, 1939

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Crowl	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Lawler	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sears	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR RECORDED

Re: Louisiana State Officials:
Information Concerning

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I understand from Agent Shivers that he suggested that your party stop at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans in the event you go there, since of course you would not want to stay at the Hotel Roosevelt.

I do not believe you will desire to stay at the Jung Hotel for the reason that Superintendent of Police George Reyer, Chief of Detectives Grosh, and a number of detectives are continuously hanging around this hotel, and your movements would be known to them, even if they didn't make arrangements to hear your telephone conversations at the hotel.

It is my understanding that the St. Charles Hotel, which is located only about a block and a half from our office in New Orleans has two floors of air cooled rooms, and I have instructed Agent Shivers to contact the manager discreetly for the purpose of determining whether suitable air cooled rooms in such hotel can be available for you and your party.

I also assume that Attorney General Murphy and yourself will want to use our Field Division office as your headquarters during your stay in New Orleans. These offices are not air conditioned and the weather in New Orleans has been unusually humid and hot. I left instructions before leaving that the office should attempt to borrow or rent some individual unit air cooling equipment so that we might at least be able to air cool one or two of these offices.

May I also suggest that in the event you go to New Orleans, it will be desirable to have some sound recording equipment shipped there immediately together with a qualified sound man. Your arrival in the city will mean a tremendous volume of telephone calls, and Attorney General Murphy will undoubtedly be making a number of telephone calls we will want to have recorded. The telephone arrangement in the New Orleans

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Memo for the Director

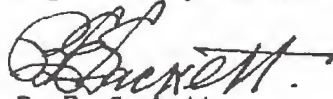
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office is such that it is not possible to listen in over any other extension and I believe that the sound recording could be used to good advantage both on the telephone lines and to record conversations in conference rooms over microphones already installed in the office.

May I also respectfully suggest that if you have time to see me for a few minutes before you leave, I might advantageously discuss the situation with you in person.

Respectfully submitted,



B. E. Sackett,
Special Agent in Charge

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July 15, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto, for your information,
a copy of a teletype message dated July 14, 1939,
from the New Orleans Division of the FBI, setting
forth the progress in the investigation in that
State.

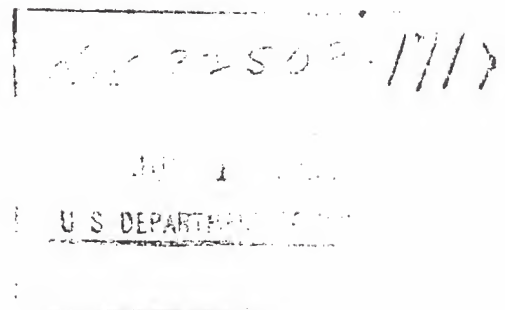
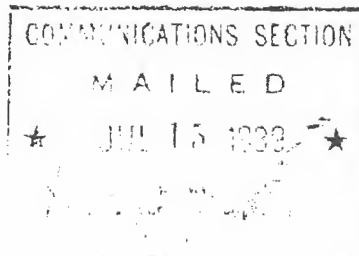
Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 14, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW P. MOQUIRE

With reference to your memorandum of July 11, 1939, transmitting a letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of July 1, 1939, from Guy J. Prevot, Mangrove, Louisiana, I am forwarding copies of this letter to my Special Agent in Charge at New Orleans in order that copies thereof may be transmitted to the United States Attorney for such action as is deemed appropriate by him.

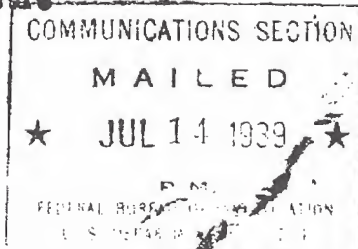
I am returning herewith the communication above referred to.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Department of Justice
Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington

July 11, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Attached find letter from Mr. Guy J.

X Prevot, advising that he will be glad to
testify relative to the election held in
September, 1938, in Louisiana.

This communication is being referred to
you for whatever consideration you may deem
it merits.

Matthew F. McGuire

Matthew F. McGuire
Acting Assistant to the Attorney General

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GUY J. PREVOT

Hansura, La., July 1st, 1939

Att'y General Frank Murphy,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The letter of Rev. Ira Day ~~Lang~~ rector of St. George's
episcopal church, I am for it. When ever an investigation
is made of Fraud in voting in this state, please conduct
one in Avoyelles Parish - I will be only to glad to testify
in an election held Sept. 1938.

Yours Truly

/s/ Guy J. Prevot

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 19, 1939.

Mrs. Smith of the Attorney General's office tele. to ask if by any chance there had come to the Bureau files a copy of the memorandum the Attorney General had sent to Mr. Earley transmitting copies of certain letters which had been sent to the Chamber of Commerce at New Orleans and also at Shreveport concerning the Louisiana situation.

She said they had been sent to the Division of Records and could not now be found.

Mrs. Smith was assured a search would be made, and Mr. Tamm was asked about this.
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11:25 I called Mrs. Smith and told her we had not been able to locate anything of the description given by her.

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Mr. Tamm advised that the memorandum to Mr. Early apparently had not been sent to the Bureau.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
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July 15, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto, for your information,
a copy of a teletype message from the Los Angeles
Office of the FBI, outlining the results of the
interviews with Alice Lee ~~Crosjean~~ and W. A. ~~Tharpe~~
by Agents of the FBI. These two parties have been
mentioned prominently in connection with the
Louisiana Investigation.

Respectfully,

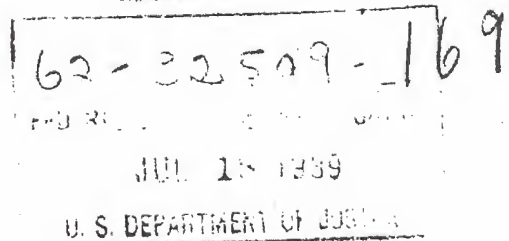
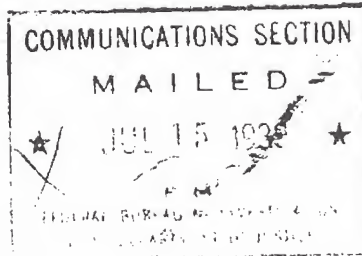
John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
June 19, 1939

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Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Lawler
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

EAT:TEB

Time 4 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Sackett called from New Orleans and gave the following information concerning James Albert Noe to Mr. Rosen.

James Albert Noe was born at West Point, Kentucky on December 21, 1893. Here he received a very limited education in the country schools. When he was about 20 years of age he moved to Louisville, Kentucky where he became interested in the development of oil and natural gas. Thereafter he went to the Middle West where he made and lost money in the oil and gas business as it fluctuated. He enlisted in U. S. Army during the World War and served over seas. He was promoted through the grades to the position of lieutenant in the 369th Infantry. He married Anna Gray Sweeney, a school teacher, who was a member of a very old Louisiana family, on May 7, 1922. He has at the present time two children, both boys, ages 16 and 11 years. He came to Monroe, Louisiana in 1923 to make his home there and continued in the oil and natural gas business. He operated in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas and was very successful. Shortly after coming to Monroe he met the late Senator Huey P. Long and became very friendly with him as years passed. He was one of Long's most vigorous supporters.

Noe was indicted April 8, 1925 in the Federal Court at Monroe, Louisiana on eight counts for violation of Section 215, U. S. Penal Code, on charges of having used the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of spurious oil stocks, apparently. He was indicted with one Y. E. Hildreth. On April 7, 1926 Hildreth pled guilty and was fined \$500.00. Noe stood trial and was acquitted by a jury on April 17, 1926.

Noe first sought political office in 1932 when he was elected to the State Senate in Louisiana. Thereafter he became even more closely associated with Huey Long, helping him in every way he could.

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Mr. Sackett stated that during the famous radio investigation of the New Orleans city administration in 1934 at which time Huey Long aired the difficulties in New Orleans, Noe acted as Presiding Officer and faithfully carried out Long's orders. In 1934 Noe was appointed President pro tem of the State Senate and in 1935 when Lieutenant Governor John B. Fornet was elected to the State Supreme Court Noe was advanced to the Lieutenant Governorship.

On March 22, 1932 the U. S. Internal Revenue Service filed a tax lien against Noe for \$1,684.94, due to underpayment of 1928 income taxes. This lien was later dismissed.

During the latter part of 1935 Noe indicated a desire to run for the Governorship but withdrew in favor of Richard W. Leche who was nominated and, in fact, elected in the latter part of 1935. Leche was to take office on May 12, 1936. About this time Governor Oscar Kelly Allen was nominated U. S. Senator of Louisiana on January 21, 1936. Governor Allen, however, died on January 28, 1936 and Noe was sworn in as Governor the same day. He acted as Governor until Leche took office on May 12, 1936. Since this date Noe has served as Senator of Louisiana from the Ouachita-Jackson-Parrish District. He has continued to live in Monroe with his family and also engages in the oil and gas business. He is reputed to be very wealthy at the present time. At the time he was friendly with Huey Long he secured some state oil lease lands and it was from these lands that he originally obtained his money. Noe broke with Leche and Leche's administration during the second legislature after Leche was elected Governor which was in the latter part of 1936. Since this time Noe has been a very bitter foe of the Leche administration.

Noe announced his candidacy for the Governorship eight months ago and has since been trying to secure the support of the public by criticizing the Leche administration. He is alleged to have obtained a great deal of evidence against Leche and his administration.

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According to Mr. Sackett, Mr. Charles ~~Nutter~~, head of the Associated Press in New Orleans, has advised him that Noe is presently in Washington telling everything he knows to the Attorney General in an effort to have an investigation of Leche made. Mr. Sackett stated that you and the Attorney General had met Mr. Nutter when you were in New Orleans.

Noe at one time during Long's regime was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors at Louisiana State University. Noe is a Presbyterian by faith. Noe is very well liked in the northern part of Louisiana particularly, because in the minds of the people he has been a very loyal friend to Huey Long.

Mr. Sackett stated the above information was secured by going through newspaper morgues; from personal memory; and other sources.

Mr. Sackett stated that he has a very good friend, a Mr. Clark Salmon, who is Managing Editor of the Item-Tribune, which paper favors the present administration. Mr. Sackett said that Mr. Salmon would have a great deal of information of the "off-the-record" activities of Noe and that Salmon would be glad to furnish this information. Mr. Salmon can be trusted according to Mr. Sackett. Mr. Sackett stated you met Mr. Salmon when you were in New Orleans.

Mr. Sackett inquired as to whether it was desired for him to contact Mr. Salmon and secure additional information in regard to Noe. Mr. Rosen told Mr. Sackett that he would be notified in the event it was desired that he contact Mr. Salmon.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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July 18, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I am attaching hereto for your information a copy
of a letter dated July 14, 1939, together with a summary
report from the New Orleans Division of the FBI, summarizing
as best as can be done the material in the hands of the
United States Attorney upon which he contemplates prosecu-
tion against various individuals in the State of Louisiana.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 6:30 p.m.

July 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent R. L. Shivers called from New Orleans and talked to Inspector Rosen concerning the political situation in Louisiana.

Mr. Shivers had talked to Mr. Rogge and learned that it is planned to return in the morning an indictment against Monte E. Hart, James Monroe Smith, J. Emery Adams, Seymour Weiss and Louis Lesage for mail fraud. Mr. Shivers had a copy of the first count of the indictment in his possession but the second count had not been drawn. The indictment is substantially the same as the indictment sent to the Bureau Friday, July 14. The information and evidence pertaining to the mail fraud is summarized in the report of Special Agent C. E. Weeks, dated July 14, 1939, which was forwarded to the Bureau with the copy of the indictment.

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Mr. Rogge has definitely stated the indictment will be returned in the morning and has indicated he will call the Attorney General before the return is made. Mr. Rogge has had an opportunity to go into only the mail fraud angle but has stated he is not satisfied with the WPA investigation.

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Mr. Shivers has been requested by Mr. Rogge to have a discreet and confidential investigation made of Hilary J. Gaudin, Assistant United States Attorney in New Orleans. It is Mr. Rogge's understanding that Gaudin has been associated too much with Seymour Weiss and Monte Hart. Mr. Rogge was informed that his request would be communicated to you and if you authorized such, an investigation would be initiated immediately.

Mr. Shivers stated a copy of the first count of the indictment, and possibly a copy of the second count, would be forwarded to the Bureau via air mail special delivery tonight. As it has been indicated by Mr. Rogge that the evidence against Weiss is none too strong, Mr. Shivers stated you and the Attorney General might desire to have the indictment before Rogge calls in. Mr. Rosen informed Mr. Shivers that if this should be necessary, he would call Shivers at which time the indictment would have to be given over the telephone.

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MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

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10:05 p.m.

I called Mr. Shivers and informed him you had stated it would be satisfactory to proceed with the discreet and confidential investigation of Assistant U. S. Attorney Gaudin. Mr. Shivers stated this would be initiated the first thing in the morning.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1939, wherein an anonymous informant telephonically furnished information concerning the Gurvich Agency, formerly owned by Sam Gurvich, and reputed to be presently owned by Abe Shushan, George Rayer, and Seymour Weiss.

The Bureau desires that this information be imparted to the Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department at New Orleans, Louisiana, inasmuch as the informant advised that the above named individuals failed to pay income tax on the monies derived from the Gurvich Agency.

You are further instructed to be on the alert at all times for information concerning the questionable activities of Sam Gurvich and to promptly advise the Bureau of the information you receive.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Orleans, Louisiana
July 19, 1939

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

An individual, who refused to give his name, telephoned this office July 18, 1939, and stated that he wanted to furnish some information about the detective agency and patrol service operated in New Orleans by SAM GURVICH. He said that GURVICH had operated a detective agency in New Orleans and that the business operated by GURVICH went broke about three and one half years ago and that it was re-organized and that the present owners of the corporation are now ABEL HUSHAN, GEORGE REYER and SEYMOUR WEISS. He said that all of the business men in New Orleans are forced to use the patrol service of the GURVICH agency on a threat of having their taxes raised if they refused to subscribe to this service. He said that GURVICH has a large number of patrolmen on his force and that these officers have commissions as police officers and are employed by the city, state and parish to officiate at public functions where extra police duty is necessary.

He said that the GURVICH agency also has the protection of Pontchartrain Beach and that it is a matter of fact that the GURVICH agency is simply a racket which is operated in this city for the benefit of the above-named persons; namely, HUSHAN, REYER and SEYMOUR WEISS. He said that he did not believe these individuals pay income tax on the monies derived from this corporation and that the same individuals also control the Jacobs Candy Company at New Orleans and the Yellow Cab Company, as well as the Cloverland Dairy.

This informant also stated that the business houses in New Orleans, Louisiana, were forced to subscribe for the GURVICH protection and that if they did not the City Board of Health would make an investigation of the premises and close the business.

Please advise me if the Bureau desires that this information be turned over to the local Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department.

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Very truly yours,
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R. E. SACHET,
Special Agent in Charge

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July 18, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto, for your information,
a copy of a teletype message of July 14, 1939, from
the New Orleans Field Division of the FBI, reporting
upon the developments in connection with the Louisiana
State investigation.

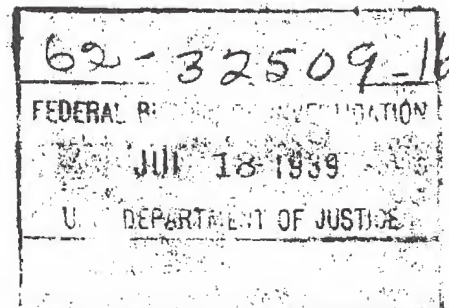
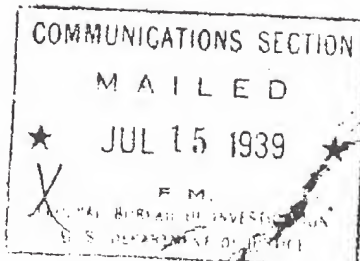
Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

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JUL 19 1937

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Time 1:00 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Louisiana State Officials
Information Concerning

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Sackett of New Orleans to advise him that the Attorney General had talked to United States Attorney Vlosca and instructed Vlosca to handle this situation vigorously.

In answer to my inquiry as to what Agent was best informed on this case, Mr. Sackett stated Agent Dunker. I instructed him to have Agent Dunker understand that we want to keep in very close touch with him on the details of all developments as the Attorney General and I are planning to come to New Orleans almost any day. I informed Mr. Sackett that before this trip was made, I wanted to know just how substantial some of these charges are and complete details as to what evidence Mr. Vlosca has to support the indictments he has made.

I mentioned that Vlosca has not impressed me as being a very aggressive man although he is probably very sincere, but it appears that some of these investigators are pushing him around. I told Mr. Sackett that the Attorney General had suggested Vlosca call a conference for all of these investigators and had also suggested that he, Vlosca, keep in very close touch with the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's New Orleans Office so the Bureau will know what is going on. Even though we are not conducting the investigation, the Attorney General does want the Bureau to keep an eye on the investigation in order that the Director can advise him as to what should be done. Therefore, I instructed Mr. Sackett to keep in very intimate touch with this investigation.

I asked Mr. Sackett if there were any Assistant United States Attorneys in Vlosca's Office who are tied in with the Louisiana political machine. Mr. Sackett advises that Herbert Christenderry, who is an Assistant United States Attorney who is presently handling the F.P.A. investigation, is a brother to Earl Christenderry who was a very close friend and secretary of Long and is presently the State publicity representative in Washington. I instructed Mr. Sackett to send me by teletype the names of any individuals who might be tied up with this machine for we cannot take any chance of a leak.

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Memo for Mr. Tamm

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July 10,

Mr. Sackett advises Viosca has expressed to him some doubt as to Christenberry and James Skelly Wright as Wright is a nephew of the City Commissioner in New Orleans who is involved in this investigation. I told Mr. Sackett that Viosca mentioned on the phone this morning to the Attorney General that there was some fellow that had been recommended for appointment by Seymour Weiss. Sackett stated this person was Gaudin (phonetic).

Mr. Sackett informs me that the Grand Jury would indict anybody and Viosca is being run by his assistants and doesn't seem to know what evidence he has or just what he is doing. I told Mr. Sackett that the Attorney General has ordered the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division to proceed to New Orleans and the Attorney General will probably come down there Monday.

Mr. Sackett then advised me that he had talked to Mr. Tamm regarding Seymour Weiss and the possibility of interviewing him before he is indicted on mail fraud, which case appears very indefinite. I mentioned that the Attorney General has instructed Viosca to indict no one until we can go over the evidence. In the meantime, I suggested that Mr. Sackett see what we have on this case. Mr. Sackett stated that the Post Office Inspectors have not submitted reports to Viosca, but Viosca is being guided by one J. Fair Hardin who was formerly an Assistant United States Attorney in Shreveport and is now Special Assistant to the State Attorney General.

I instructed Mr. Sackett to discuss this whole matter with Mr. Viosca to find out if he has any written reports. Mr. Sackett informs me that he has already talked to Viosca several days ago and finds that he has only a few signed statements. I stated that Viosca must get some memorandum of facts before he gets these indictments because the Attorney General will want to know this, and further since I have to advise the Attorney General, it is necessary that I know just where we stand. Therefore Viosca should demand a report of all written evidence so we can see just what evidence has been obtained.

Mr. Sackett stated he would send a teletype relative to this conversation and would see Mr. Viosca immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 7, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information I am attaching hereto a telephone report from the New Orleans Office of the FBI dated July 7, concerning Dr. James Monroe Smith and the political situation in Louisiana.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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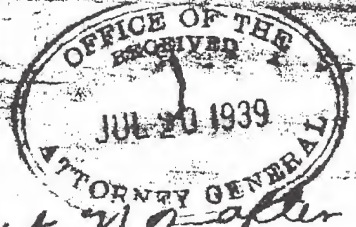
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Political Situation

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



Dear Sir

Seymour Weiss left N.O. after return of Federal indictment to meet Ralph Kety new york letter man who has helped to trace either disposal of the property stolen from Shuefland trust box or conceal it. It was rumored that these bought into the chain of hotels controlled by Kety shortly after Long's death and used the bonds of the Boardman letter and cash stolen from trust box as means of purchase.

It is understood that Max Fleury of New York is the attorney in these matters, and if bonds and money stolen not as yet used is likely to be in New York or else the banks.

Illustrating the feeling shown for your good work and that your departure I can only cite you to an incident that occurred shortly after church, narrated by a wonderful citizen of our community who said "Thank God for Frank Murphy".

Long the governor who is a puppet equally guilty with the others in so far as they would let him participate conspired with Marston who helped who to appoint & succeed Labarnathy. Place no confidence in Long or any of Marston's clique. Madame mayor throughout his annals for the government. He is suspected by people here of taking M.P. & labor and materials to build his camp at Lake Bistean.

The whole crowd are thieves and law practically bankrupted the state. The hat are run by Marston and others nas run direct from mills by pipe lines or tanks car and Rauking construction. No paid off not to report it. These lawless have shipped the harbor master should have some files. The R.P. would store these car shipment to Ken Jones Murphy Washington D.C.

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Ken Jones
New Orleans
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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

7/19 -39

Dear Sirs

Reynolds Holsey left New Orleans under a Federal indictment to meet Ralph Hitz New York Hotel Man who has helped Weiss either dispose of the property stolen from Huey Long Trust or conceal it. It was rumored that Weiss bought into the chain of hotels controlled by Hitz shortly after Long's death and used the bonds of the Huey Long hotel and cash stolen from trust for as means of purchase.

It is understood that Max Stein of New York is the attorney in these matters, and if bonus and money stolen not as yet used is likely to be in Hotel safe or close by bank.

Illustrating the feeling shown for your good work and that of your department, I can only cite you to an incident that occurred shortly after church, voiced by a wonderful citizen of our community who said "thank God for Frank Murphy."

Long the governor who is a puppet equally guilty with the others in so far as they would let him participate consulted with Marstu who told him who to appoint to succeed Abernathy.

Place no confidence in Long or any of Marstus clique. Caldwell, Mayor Shreveport has announced for the governorship. He is suspicioned by people here of taking W.P.A. labor and materials to build his camp at Lake Bistenan.

The whole crowd are thieves and have practically bankrupted the state.

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The hot oil run by Marstu and others was run direct from wells by pipe lines to either trucks or tank cars and Banking Conservation Commission was paid off not to report it. These tankers were shipped The Harbor Master should have some files. The R.R. would show tank car shipments.

To Hon. Frank Murphy
Washington, D. C.

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August 1, 1939

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Mr. Maxile Savoy
R. F. D. #1, Box 80
Bumice, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Savoy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 17, 1939, addressed to Honorable Frank Murphy, United States Attorney General, which letter has been referred to this Bureau for appropriate attention.

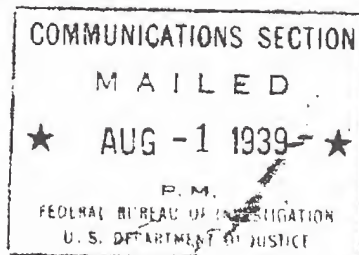
I wish to advise that I have carefully perused the contents of your letter, and fail to find therein any violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. I would suggest you may be desirous of furnishing the information in your possession relevant to the conditions of which it complains direct to the United States Attorney, Mr. Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans, Louisiana.

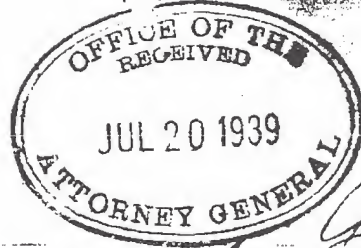
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John Edgar Hoover
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cc-New Orleans





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Miss Gandy

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Enrico,
July 17 1939.
Honorable Frank Murphy
U. S. Attorney General
Dear Sir- We the honest
Citizens and Taxpayer of Louisiana
are looking up to the federal
government and your office for relief from
abuse & crookedness in our
state government. we are to
the point where an honest man
will not seek ~~and~~ an office.
On account that he can not
have a fair election. 62-32509-161
On our parish of St. Landry
we have our district ~~attorney~~ and
district attorney, through ~~the~~ ^{government}
men, are elected officers ~~in~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{are}
qualified by legislative act. ~~as~~ ^{as}
thanks to the wish of the people. I
think we would need a federal
investigation in our parish. There
is great a lot of federal money spent ~~here~~
here.
We have a sheriff in our parish

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that take Negroes prisoners from
the jail in the parish, to ~~the~~ private work
on his own property, have deputies
from his office, to guard of them
while they work. Now if it possible
please advise me if it lawful
or not, I was born and raised in
this parish and state, I love and
cherish, our liberty, but I think I
see a greater menace to our liberty.
I hope and pray that the blood
of our fore father, was not shed
in vain.

I Am
Yours Truly
Matilda Savoy
Eunice, La.
R. F. D. No. 1 - Box 80

C O P Y (gmr)

Eunice, La.
July 17, 1939

Honorable Frank Murphy
U. S. Attorney General

Dear Sir:

We the Honest citizen and taxpayer of Louisiana are looking up to the federal government and your office for relief from abuse & crookedness in our state government. We are to the point where an honest man will not seek an office, on account that he can not have a fair election. In our parish of St. Landry we have our district Judge and district attorney, through appointment, our elected officer were disqualified by legislative and contrary to the wish of the people. I think we would need a federal investigation in our parish. There is quite a bit of federal monies spent here.

We have a sheriff in our parish that took negroes prisoner's from the jail in the parish, to do private work on his own property, have deputies from his office, to guard of them while they work. Now if it possible please advise me of it lawful or not, I was born and raise in this parish and state, I love and cherish our liberty, but I think I see a great menace to our liberty. I hope and pray that the blood of our fore father was not shed in vain.

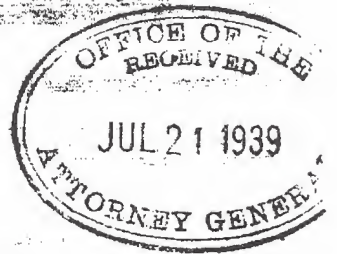
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Yours truly

S/ Maxile Savoy

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New Orleans, La.

July 18, 1939

Hon. Frank Murphy,
United States Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to the enclosed
article that appeared in the Times-Picayune
today.

This type of person ought to be removed
from public office, for his activities and
reputation are not in keeping with the
dignity of his station.

Yours very truly,

ANONYMOUS

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Mr. Pratt and Politics

FORGET POLITICS and band together to lead the city out of its lethargy.

This was the highlight of a talk made by A. Miles Pratt before the Young Men's Business Club at its meeting Wednesday.

Why Mr. Pratt should advise anyone to forget politics is beyond us. If there is any one subject with which Mr. Pratt is well acquainted and to which he has devoted his time, intelligence and energy, and with all the ramifications of which he has become intimately acquainted, it is politics.

All New Orleans remembers that T. Semmes Walmsley, former mayor, in his first campaign insisted that Mr. Pratt be placed on his ticket for the commission council. Old Regular leaders opposed Mr. Walmsley's choice, but he was adamant, and Mr. Pratt went in with the ticket. The second time when Mr. Walmsley ran, he again insisted that Mr. Pratt be one of his running mates.

When the then Senator Huey P. Long decided to make grass grow in the streets of New Orleans, when he said he would crush this city as a worm under his heel, Mr. Walmsley, then mayor, stood up and fought him.

His fight might have been successful but for the desertion (some lowbrow persons have another name for it) of some of his allies, among whom was A. Miles Pratt. He helped to deliver the city, lock, stock and barrel, into the hands of Huey P. Long; and it is just now that the city is recovering from that reign of terror.

Later, Mr. Pratt, after the Walmsley ouster, was said to have been considered by some for the mayoralty job; but the administration forces decided to make him collector of customs, rather a nifty little position, or job if you choose to call it that.

Mr. Pratt is also a member of the board of supervisors of Louisiana State university. During his occupancy of that position, along with other gentlemen, Dr. James Monroe Smith, now in jail, is accused of running riot in the wheat market with Louisiana State university funds. Other funds have been squandered, in buildings which have cost far above their actual value, in numerous private homes which are said to have been built with the aid of university labor and materials—in fact, most everything which hasn't been nailed down has been moved about, and even this class of material is said to have been shifted, in some instances, by crowbar power. No one accuses the board of supervisors of taking part in this orgy; but the gentlemen of the board have at least been guilty of inefficiency, negligence and a general don't-care attitude.

Those who love this great old university, who believe in its traditions, who believe in its actualities, know that the only way to replace it on the pedestal which it once occupied is to clean out those who would drag it down. And still Mr. Pratt tells us to forget politics.

Pratt and crooks have fattened on the tax money of the people of Louisiana. Business has been kept from New Orleans and the state millions in business have been driven to other parts of the state. This is occurred because Louisianians have forgotten politics. A favored few in business have been penalized.

Mr. Pratt reminds those who think of the sands of our citizens, that some of our schools have been politicalized, that needy men have had to pay to hold their jobs, that the firemen and policemen of this city, underpaid as they are, have been kept out of the monies legally coming to them because some of those in political power have been afraid to act. Mr. Pratt should know all this, because he has been a member of the commission council, because he has been on the inside of those directing the affairs of this city.

Mr. Pratt says for us "to band together, to lead the city out of its lethargy."

We say to him, we are ready. We are ready to follow the leadership of such young men who wrote the letter in the adjoining column signed "Fed Up."

It is time the world knew that the business men of New Orleans are not afraid of crooked politicians and blustering dictators.

It is time Mr. Pratt knew that the world is knocking at our door, ready to enter, and bring its gifts when we clean house and remember politics.

The press of America today is hailing Louisiana for its step forward in trying to unmask the political crooks that have denuded it of its jewels. Not all our thieves have been big thieves, Mr. Pratt. Some of them have been petty larceny thieves. They have overlooked nothing.

And so we say again to you, Mr. Pratt—when you tell us to forget politics, unknowingly, perhaps, you are telling us to go to sleep on our rights, to become cowards, to become unconscious of the connivings and machinations of the politicians.

At the foot of Canal street, Mr. Pratt, within sight of your Custom House windows, is a monument erected to men who did not forget politics.

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Should Be Ousted

NEW ORLEANS ALUMNI and former students of Louisiana State university last night joined other alumni groups in the state in demanding depoliticalization of the university. The locals endorsed the speech of Tom Button of July 3 requesting a full reorganization of the board and the immediate removal of all political elements. Some alumni groups, notably the one at Clinton, have demanded the resignation of all the old board.

The members of the present board are not accused of any crimes against the university. But crimes have been committed through their laxities, through their failure to do the job of supervising their office called for. This is ground enough for the removal of the entire old board, two members of which have already resigned and one of the two is under fire from another quarter.

The university deserves a new deal, a square deal and an honest deal. There is no reason to expect that this great institution can receive it from the old board, steeped in politics as it has been shown to be. It has been more than a month since first printing in the New Orleans States of the photos showing use of the university's truck in the delivery of building material, processed in the university's carpentry shop, at the residence of Colonel James McLachlan in Metairie. The board has subsequently held several meetings. It has not cleared up this instance of political use of the university. So far as information goes, it has not even taken a step in that direction. Yet the episode shocked the peo-

ple of the state—the public as well as the alumni.

So far as available information indicates, the board is making no effort to free the university of political manipulation. There are weak spots in its business staff and in its faculty. One official of notorious political activity, whose ability to accumulate votes in some precincts was proudly acclaimed by a former governor whose own affairs are now receiving investigative attention, continues to enjoy his lucrative salary.

How would the old board attempt to explain its deficiencies in these matters? How would it attempt to explain its deficiencies in the matter of the \$500,000 geological building, mysteriously financed, mysteriously equipped and furnished by sub-rosa arrangement with a business concern in which a member of the board of supervisors was a substantial stockholder?

The simple proposition is that the old board cannot clean up the university of its political entanglements without piling up new evidence of its own gross negligence. For the good of this great institution, with its admirable educational record spanning more than three-quarters of a century, its greater promise for the future, all of the old supervisors should step out and permit full reorganization by a new board chosen from among the alumni.

MURDER IN NEW YORK

THE FEEVISH Doctor O'Hara

the "deduct" fund. The expenditure of the fund is the "deduct" fund.

But is it? During the years past, millions of dollars have been collected and disbursed, presumably "disbursed." All of it was extracted, under duress, from taxpayers, wage-earning taxpayers who work for government and who were compelled to pay 5 per cent, sometimes 10 per cent, of their salaries.

The founder of the "de-ducts" explained that the levies on the salaries of public employees were the means chosen for raising the Louisiana Democratic Association's "campaign" funds. Dr. O'Hara and his fellow custodian of "de-ducts," John M. Fust, of the dock board, intimate that these are "campaign" funds. But through the months and the years the "de-ducts" continued, whether or not there were campaigns in progress or immediately in prospect. Millions were gathered in the fund, collected in more or less secrecy, paid out in secrecy, no records kept, cash hidden in bank boxes, the identities of the payoff men usually unknown, no accounting to the enforced contributors or to the rank and file of the association.

Who received these millions of dollars of wage-earning taxpayers' money? For some years the association has had no need of "campaign" funds. The state machine by means of its control of the casting and the counting of ballots, its facilities for stuffing the boxes or padding the registration, and its command over the battalions of public employees, could declare itself victor in any election by any majority it chose to set, without the expenditure of a dollar. Then who got the millions of "de-duct" dollars?

The Louisiana Democratic Association, says Dr. O'Hara, is prepared to furnish to federal authorities, if they wish it, an explanation of its disbursements. But to nobody else. The federal government is only secondarily interested—unless unforeseen income tax angles develop. But the state of Louisiana is primarily and vitally interested. First, because a large number of citizens were subjected to extortion and oppression; second, because there is reason to believe, and a large section of the public is convinced, that the prime purpose of "de-ducts" was the debauchery of government, the corruption of persons connected with government.

Why is Dr. O'Hara willing to bare all secrets of "de-ducts" to the federal authorities but not to the people of Louisiana? The answer suggests itself. There is at present no state power able or willing to command the information which gives security to defiance. But if the federal government wants it, the association has no choice but to comply, and defiance becomes respect.

Every month the 5 per cent is levied means \$75,000 for this secret swag, on the basis of present pay rolls; every year more than \$900,000.

If the association's "explanation of disbursements" given the federal government, it is hoped, will require the association

VIEWS of STATES READERS

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'Forgetting' Politics

New Orleans, July 11

Editor, New Orleans States:

"New Orleans business men must 'forget politics'!"

According to press accounts this is the tenor of the message brought to the Young Men's Business Club by A. M. Pratt, collector of customs of the port of New Orleans and a member of the now famous board of supervisors of Louisiana State University.

That is exactly what New Orleans business men and particularly the young men must NOT do, although it is very easy to understand why some of our more or less prominent citizens might most ardently desire that it should.

Although many might, and forsooth with some reason, doubt its actuality, Louisiana still operating at least under the framework of democracy. The essence of democracy "government of the people, for the people and by the people." We the people are and must continue to be the final source of all authority. Public officials, politicians if you will, are our servants. They are employed by us to serve us and for no other purpose. They must render an accounting of their stewardship to us—a frank, honest and complete report. If they do not choose to do so of their own free will they must be made to do so.

According to the press reports, Mr. Pratt refers to what he calls the "lethargy" of our citizens. The fruits of that lethargy, if there were lethargy, are now only too apparent. Perchance this so-called lethargy was not much the result of lack of energy as of lack of courage. It takes a brave man, indeed, to act when he well knows, in advance, that the price of his action may be calamity—and not always to himself alone.

Among certain unfortunate peoples there has sprung up of late a so-called new theory of government. It is assumed that the people do not know how to govern themselves. They are incapable. They must follow "the leader," usually self-appointed, and do whatsoever he may dictate. "Theirs not to reason why, theirs not to make reply. Theirs but to obey and die."

Have we, citizens of New Orleans and Louisiana, come to that?

Must we forget politics?

Shall we allow politicians to forget their solemn obligations to decency, to morality, and to us?

The fires have been lighted. In their bright glow we now see many things. The business men, the self-respecting citizen and the politician, with the grave responsibility of raising a family in this community owes it to himself, to his family and to his community not to "forget politics" until the fires shall have spread to every darkened corner of the state and revealed the truth. True, the heat may sorely scorch many, but heat is the great purifier.

Politics must not be forgotten.

FED UP.

Some More Questions

New Orleans, July 11

Editor, New Orleans States:

We notice the federal authorities are going to investigate the contracts for the erection of Charity hospital.

What the people of Louisiana would like to know is what was actually done to the four donations—not what was specified?

What became of the old Charity hospital?

Why are not some of New Orleans' very practical big building constructors asked the opinion about the new Charity hospital donation?

How much did they pay the big New York sign company for making the big signs around the hospital—with plenty of Louisiana sign painters on relief?

How does the state of Louisiana obtain dollar for dollar matching for \$487,000 for old age assistance, \$312,000 for the children and \$87,000 for the blind? And what length of time does that cover?

Up to now all the wrongdoing has been discovered by accident. Why have any investigations at all.

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Heads Hang in Shame

New Orleans, July 11

Editor, New Orleans States:

Every resident of Louisiana must hang his head in shame over the present political scandals in his state, and hang his head in shame should the review, as I have done, the almost unbroken chain of political scandals in Louisiana dating back to 1720 involving the French, the Spaniards and Americans.

It is to be hoped the present mess will be completely cleared up—L. S. U., "de-baited off, raked off, and all the others."

But what is vastly more important, it is to be hoped that enough indignation through the state will be aroused to result in a new political system under which public officials will all honestly perform the duties for which they are paid.

CITIZEN

Victim of 'De-Ducts'

New Orleans, July 11

Editor, New Orleans States:

The honest people of this city and state are more than grateful to the States and Times-Picayune for the great work they now doing.

A friend has been employed in this work for some years and because of her ability has been advanced from time to time. The office in which she now works is in the city of Baton Rouge and as far back as five years she each month has had to receive five dollars of her salary.

Refusing to name the treasurer of the work or how it is spent seems ridiculous. It must be some means of making them all.

Wishing you all success in this great work I remain

E. THOMPSON

Notable Quotations

Youth is the proper time for love, and age is virtue's season.

—George Granville, Coric

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROOGH

For your information I am setting forth herein the resolution adopted by the Exchange Club of New Orleans, Louisiana, which was received in the Department on July 21, 1939, and forwarded to this Bureau for appropriate attention.

WHEREAS The Exchange Club of New Orleans is a service Club comprised of leading business and professional men, and is affiliated with the National Exchange Club, and

WHEREAS The Exchange Club of New Orleans has been made aware of the misuse of Federal and State funds, the corruption of certain public officials, and the diversion of public money to private use, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Exchange Club of New Orleans that the United States Government should vigorously and impartially continue and enlarge its present investigation of all branches of the State government wherever violations of Federal laws are involved, and that all persons responsible for such violations be speedily and vigorously prosecuted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Exchange Club of New Orleans will lend its full cooperation and support to such investigation and prosecution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of these resolutions be sent to Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, and to Frank J. Murphy, Attorney General of the United States,

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a/ Lyman C. Reed, Pres.

s/ Walter Utley, Secty."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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To the Hon. Frank Murphy
Attorney General United States
Washington D.C.

Very good sir; - St. New York

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I am - Robert Reed, 40 Gen - Del - as I have no home

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*P's. I have been put out of this
address as denoted within epistle.*

Mr. Robert Reed
1063 Camp Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Reed:

We have received the necessary information for your case
and have placed your application in our pending file. We can-
not offer you immediate help due to allocation of funds but
when more funds are available, your case will be given further
consideration.

Yours truly,

Dorothy Robins
(Mrs.) Dorothy Robins
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DR:rc

*Drs Bell and Fisher are stationed
at Charity Hospital. New Orleans.*

*Please answer right away as to what you will
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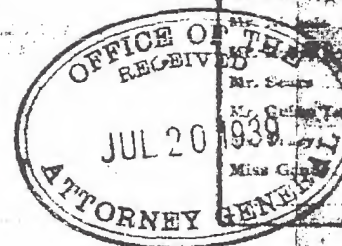
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U. S. Attorney-General Frank Murphy
Washington
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

We have a request to make of you. I know that most of the people of the state of Louisiana want a thorough house cleaning. I also know that if some method was placed in their way they would ask for it. What I would like to know is if there is some federal law under which the people themselves could have this investigation. You know and I know that the state officials will not press their own crowd to the limit; this is the reason I am appealing direct to you for advice. The time to strike is when the iron is hot as you know.

I am trusting this is not asking too much of you,

Yours very truly,

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Time 10:55 AM

Name Mr. Shivers, tele from
New Orleans.

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Details:

Stated that Mr. Rogge had come to the office this morning and had called the A.G.; that Mr. Rogge in his conversation with the A.G. had stated that he wanted to return the indictments today; that the A.G. had said no since there was a question in the mind of the A.G. that the acts constituted a mail fraud. Mr. Shivers stated that the A.G. had transferred Mr. Rogge to Mr. Hugh Fisher in the Department; that Mr. Rogge asked Mr. Fisher to let him have an opinion within an hour as to whether or not the facts constituted a mail fraud and whether the Government could make a case or not. Mr. Shivers stated that he thought that the Director would want to know about this.

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serve steel any consequence, and more should be doubled to establish control of other nonperishable commodities for most of the necessary metals.

Tin imports alone in 1922 were \$1,300,000, and those of nickel, \$2,500,000. Imported metals said to be indispensable to the manufacture of steel are chromium, cobalt, tungsten, manganese and vanadium. War abroad would threaten the intake of these supplies and naturally increase their cost. Should the United States become involved, the situation would become precarious as to several of these metals, and production costs would be increased.

Surveys show extensive manganese deposits in South Dakota, and the bureau of mines has developed an electrolytic method for the production of the metal. There are tin deposits in the same state and Alaska, and tungsten in the Black Hills. None of these areas has been worked to any extent because of the comparative cheapness of peacetime imports.

The question is whether the United States should take a chance on paying a heavy import price in time of need, or on costly emergency production, rather than lay up reserve supplies now at the normal rate. As T. M. Girdler, steel mill executive, has suggested, the time may come when such supplies would be far more valuable than their equivalent in gold at Fort Knox.

Cooling Us Off

With three cheers, a salaam and whatever else is necessary, we salute the American Medical Association. Often that organization has stepped on our pet toe (the sore one) and frequently it has uttered long and complicated opinions concerning matters of which we know little and care less. But now that the association has come out with formal approval of ice water, that deserves, in our present opinion, commendation unqualified and as high as the thermometer stands in mid-July.

Taken in large quantities at a meal, ice water probably "slows down gastric digestion for a few minutes," notes the factual statement; but it hastens to add, "this is of little significance." Then, after its fashion, the association's Journal goes on with a discussion of tepid or warm water, a subject we shall take up next January.

The "undeclared war" in China rounded out its second year on July 7 with the casualties exceeding 2,000,000 and the economic cost so appalling that it also goes "undeclared."

From what we read of Danzig, that city must occupy in the Old World a position corresponding somewhat to that of New Orleans, or Baton Rouge, in the New.

The town of Loafers' Glory, N. C., has just celebrated its 60th anniversary—with due glorification, we suppose, of the loafers for whom it presumably was named.

...the expulsion order from ...
...the government asserted that the ex-
pulsions were ordered for political and military reasons. The impression brought home is that they are dictated by military necessity to put the Italian Tyrol in a state of readiness for defense in any emergency. In that province live thousands of Germans and Austrians. German groups have demanded compensation in the Tyrol. Their agitation has been discouraged by the Berlin authorities, but Mussolini has no apparent reason to fear attack upon or seizure of his Tyrolean province by any nation save Germany. Expulsion in peacetime of a few hundred of French, British, Swiss, Dutch and other nationalities will be hard to justify, we suspect, as a military necessity.

If the nations whose citizens are thus summarily expelled should see fit to retaliate, Italians might be the chief sufferers. Italians residing in Switzerland are said greatly to outnumber the Swiss living in Italy. Resort to the natural and logical reprisals would set up new barricades against international travel and friendly communication along the European frontiers and thus add new fuel to the flame of insanity which already menaces European peace and civilization.

Round the World

Things like the international date line often worry those of us who contemplate a trip around the world. We know, or think we do, that going in one direction is one or two days shorter than if we travel the other way, though it's a rather difficult feat in either event, and doubtless we shall have neither the time nor the money. Yet when somebody else does the thing, we read it and weep, or at least we ponder how we could have bettered the record. However, for the benefit of other arm-chair philosophers, it is just as well to contemplate the fact that actually the girdling of the globe is old stuff and, if done too hurriedly, is likely to skip most of the scenery.

Still, there are folk who like to do it, and think what a kick they get. Norman C. Lee had comments almost as brief as what he must have seen from his airplane seats, but at least he went all the way around, some 24,694 miles, in nine hours less than three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Mott might have tied him on this trip by scheduled planes had they not stopped in New York instead of going on to the Pacific coast. Personally we have figured it out that you could charter a plane flying 250 miles an hour and do the thing, at the equator, in four days and four hours. That is, you could if it weren't for the date line. Or perhaps you could.

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

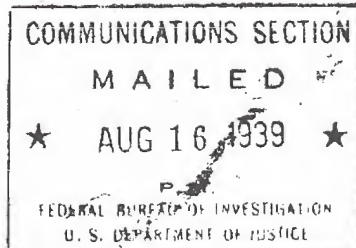
There are inclosed herewith two photo-
static copies of an anonymous communication dated
at Shreveport, Louisiana, July 14, 1939, which
was received by the Attorney General and referred
to the Bureau. It is desired that one copy be
furnished by your office to United States
Attorney Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Inclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
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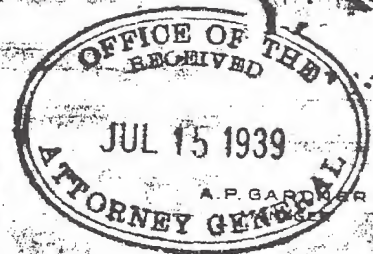


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Mr. Frank Murphy
City Manager
D.C.

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Dear Sir
The request for a transcript of the
hearing before Federal Grand Jury No. 10
has a result of a conference in the
Hotel Roosevelt between parties whose names
I had heretofore given. They are frightened
when Lang was killed he had a friend
of affairs making one million in equipment
with Seymour Weiss, an examination by
Lang's friends thru the trust bank
The memo left by Lang thru this and
Mr. Lang ordered them destroyed under
that her children might not be harmed
Weiss got it all. A brother of Weiss Lang
Doe Lang a dentist of Oklahoma known to
It is understood here that Sen. Caldwell
Mayor Shreveport knew his campaign
costing 20000 on Lake Bitterman from
H.P. Labor and materials 8/16/39 - July 1939
The whole crowd is rotten. You will find
white slavery, prostitution, narcotics, lot
and running gambling everywhere in this
machine. May the Lord guide you
to Him Frank Murphy

Department of Justice
Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington

July 20, 1939

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

There is attached hereto for such
consideration as is deemed appropriate an
anonymous communication concerning the current
situation in Louisiana.

Matthew F. McGuire
Matthew F. McGuire
Acting Assistant to the Attorney General

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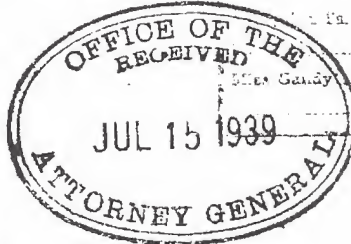
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 Mr. Pennington...
 Mr. Quinn...
 Mr. Nease...
 Miss Gandy...

New Orleans La
 July 13, 1939

Hon. Frank Murphy



Dear Sir,

Federal assistants attorneys
 here are closely alligned with
 the crooked politicians of this
 state.

Hesbert Christenberry is a brother
 to Earl Christenberry who was
 secretary to the late Huey P. Long.

Joseph Shelly Wright is a
 nephew to Joseph P. Shelly, the
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Yours for justice
 A New Orleans Schoolboy

W. J. Attorney General's Office

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Federal Investigators Ask Dr. Smith Questions



While East Baton Rouge parish and state officials cooled their heels, United States government officials, including Herbert W. Christy (left), assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Arnold Raum, assistant United States attorney-general, were closeted in jail with Dr. James Monroe Smith at Baton Rouge. Results of the interview with the former Louisiana State university president, indicted for embezzlement of \$100,000, were not disclosed.

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New Orleans, La.
July 13, 1939

Hon. Frank Murphy

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machine.

How can we get justice? Investigate and be convinced.

Yours for justice,

A New Orleans Schoolgirl.

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DIRECTOR

LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. AGENTS
PETROLEUM CONSERVATION UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, ESTABLISHING
HEADQUARTERS NEW ORLEANS TODAY PREPARATORY TO HOT IXXX OIL
INVESTIGATION. J M BROWN BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW
ORLEANS RELATIVE BOND TRANSACTIONS JAMES MONROE SMITH. USA
CONTEMPLATES REQUESTING INVESTIGATION FROM POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS
RELATIVE TO ALLEGED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR
SHORTAGE OF MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
THE US CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FROM MAIL FRAUD ANGLE.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:GVC

July 17, 1939

Time: 3:22 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Shivers called from New Orleans and informed that Mr. Rogge came in to see him shortly after you had talked to Mr. Shivers. Mr. Rogge told Agent Shivers he was going to have to return the indictments sometime today. He also said he had instructions from the Attorney General not to return them until they were approved by the Attorney General. Mr. Rogge stated that he was thoroughly satisfied with this case and if necessary he would remain in New Orleans and participate in the prosecution. According to Mr. Shivers, Rogge is undoubtedly waiting on word from the Attorney General to authorize him to go ahead and have the indictments returned. Mr. Rogge said the Grand Jury was wanting to return them anyway. Agent Shivers stated that Rogge did not explain why the indictments had to be returned now, and I told him I thought the Attorney General would be interested in knowing the reason for this.

Mr. Shivers said it was his understanding that all the evidence that was had to support the indictment was contained in the summary report sent in by Agent Weeks on July 14th.

Agent Shivers stated that while Mr. Rogge was in the Bureau office, he, Rogge, received a telephone call from Tommy Corcoran with reference to the replacement of Hilary J. [unclear] as Assistant United States Attorney and during the conversation Rogge told Corcoran the indictments would have to be returned today.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. I HAVE JUST HAD CONFERENCE WITH US ATTORNEY VIOSCA.

✓ THE WPA INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANY DETAILED REPORTS AND ALL WRITTEN MATTER SUBMITTED BY THEM CONSISTS OF A FEW AFFIDAVITS WHICH THEY OBTAINED. I AM OBTAINING COPIES OF SUCH AFFIDAVITS. PURSUANT TO MY SUGGESTION, AND IN MY PRESENCE, VIOSCA AGAIN TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH PAUL HANSEN, WPA INVESTIGATOR IN CHARGE, AND REQUESTED THAT HANSEN SUBMIT TO HIM IMMEDIATELY COPIES OF ALL REPORTS MADE AND ALSO IN THE FUTURE TO SUBMIT TO VIOSCA TWO COPIES OF EACH AFFIDAVIT OR STATEMENT AS TAKEN BY THE INVESTIGATORS. VIOSCA WILL GIVE ME COPIES.

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VIOSCA HAS HAD ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO TESTIFY RELATING TO WPA IRREGULARITIES, TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY BEING WRITTEN UP NOW, PURSUANT MY REQUEST, AND I WILL SECURE COPY THEREOF.

FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER, NO ONE WPA IRREGULARITY CASE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM VIOSCA OR ANYONE

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ELSE WHAT EVIDENCE EXISTS WITH RELATION TO ANY SINGLE WPA
IRREGULARITY CASE.

I DISCUSSED THE INCOME TAX EVASION CASES WITH ARNOLD RAUM
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, AND THE ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY HANDLING SAME,
FROM WHICH IT APPEARS THAT THE CASE AGAINST JAMES MONROE SMITH
IS EXTREMELY WEAK AND QUESTIONABLE.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANY FURTHER REPORTS
SINCE THE REPORT TWO WEEKS AGO, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL AND A COPY TO US ATTORNEY VIOSCA. THEY ARE STILL
INVESTIGATING LECHE, MONTE HART, SMITH, AND OTHERS, BUT THE
DETAILS OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS ARE APPARENTLY UNKNOWN TO VIOSCA.

PURSUANT MY SUGGESTION VIOSCA WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE INTERNAL REVENUE
AGENTS SUBMIT ~~THE~~ DETAILED REPORTS.

IN CONNECTION WITH MAIL FRAUD CASE, IT APPEARS THAT THE ENTIRE CASE
SO FAR IS ~~THE~~ FOUNDED UPON ORAL INFORMATION AND SOME INVESTIGATION BY
VARIOUS AGENCIES. VIOSCA SUBPOENAED J EMORY ADAMS, L C LESAGE, F
E AMES, MONTE HART AND OTHERS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY AFTER
HAVING THEM SIGN WAIVERS AND IT ~~IS~~ IS UPON THE TESTIMONY OF THESE
INDIVIDUALS THAT IS HIS BASIS OF THE MAIL FRAUD CASE. HE ALSO HAD
INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS TAKE WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM THESE WITNESSES

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WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN UP OR MADE AVAILABLE TO VIOSCA. VIOSCA HAS HAD INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS CHECK ON THE MAIL FRAUD CASE FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INCOME TAX INVESTIGATION BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE RESULTS OF THEIR FINDINGS. PURSUANT MY SUGGESTION VIOSCA REQUESTED INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS TO IMMEDIATELY WRITE UP EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE ~~IN~~ IN FORM OF MEMORANDA IF THEY CANNOT WRITE REPORTS AND SUBMIT IT TO HIM. I WILL OBTAIN COPIES THEREOF WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW. VIOSCA HAD INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS THIS AFTERNOON QUESTION SEYMOUR WEISS IN NEW YORK REGARDING THE RECEIPT BY WEISS OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ~~HART~~ WHICH WAS A PART OF THE SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS INVOLVED IN THE MAIL FRAUD SCHEME. VIOSCA DOES NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE POST OFFICE INSPECTORS INVESTIGATIONS IN BATON ROUGE REGARDING THE MAIL FRAUD CASE AND ~~HXX~~ YESTERDAY SENT HIS ASSISTANT HERBERT CHRISTENBERRY TO BATON ROUGE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE INSPECTORS ARE DOING AND TO COLLECT THE NECESSAR EVIDENCE IN BATON ROUGE RELATIVE TO THE MAIL FRAUD SCHEME. POST OFFICE INSPECTORS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANY REPORTS EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN TO VIOSCA AND APPARENTLY ARE MAKING A GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF ALL OF SMITHS ACTIVITIES IN THE HOPE

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OF UNCOVERING MAIL FRAUD VIOLATIONS. THIS CONFIRMS MY SUSPICIONS THAT THESE INSPECTORS ARE ACTUALLY WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF J FAIR HARDIN.

PURSUANT TO MY REQUEST ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY HUBERT WILL PREPARE A BRIEF SOMEWHAT SIMILAR I HOPE TO OUR SUMMARY REPORTS, SETTING OUT IN DETAIL JUST WHAT THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD WAS AND THE NECESSARY WITNESSES TO PROVE SAME, TOGETHER WITH THE TESTIMONY OF EACH, AND ALSO HOW THE MAILS WERE USED AND THE NECESSARY WITNESSES IN THAT REGARD. HE WILL HAVE TO ~~OBTAIN~~ OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES AND THE TESTIMONY OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW OF OF GETTING A CONCRETE PICTURE OF JUST WHAT THE VIOLATION CONSISTS OF AND WHAT EVIDENCE THERE IS TO PROVE SAME.

PURSUANT MY REQUEST THE BALANCE OF THE TESTIMONY TAKEN BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, WHICH IS QUITE VOLUMINOUS, AND HAS NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN UP IS BEING WRITTEN UP IMMEDIATELY AND I WILL OBTAIN A COPY OF SUCH TRANSCRIPT. I WILL THEN HAVE OUR AGENTS DIGEST SAME AND SUBMIT TO YOU IN SUMMARY FORM THE SUBSTANCE OF SUCH TESTIMONY. I

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WILL ALSO SEND YOU COPIES OF THE WPA AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AS
I RECEIVE THEM FROM VIOSCA.

THERE APPARENTLY IS UTTER LACK OF ORGANIZATION IN VIOSCAS
OFFICE, THE VARIOUS ASSISTANTS WORKING ON PET THEORIES OR
DIFFERENT ANGLES OF THE INQUIRY WITHOUT ANY APPARENT COORDINATION.
VIOSCA IS NOT VIGOROUS OR FORCEFUL ENOUGH TO TAKE THE LEAD IN
ANYTHING, BUT IS WILLING TO FOLLOW ANY SUGGESTION. ~~IT~~ IT IS MY
BELIEF THAT A VIGOROUS AND FORCEFUL PERSON CAPABLE OF COORDINATING
THE FUNCTIONS OF THE US ATTORNEYS OFFICE AND INSISTING UPON
EXPEDITIOUS AND COMPLETE COOPERATION AND WORK OF THE FEDERAL
AGENCIES INVESTIGATING THE MATTERS, IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO TAKE
CHARGE OF THE SITUATION AT VIOSCAS OFFICE.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

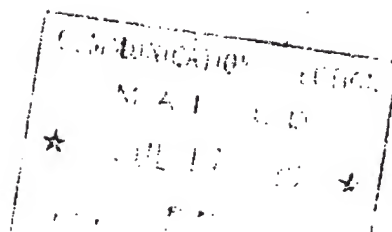
Dear Sir:

For your information, there are transmitted herewith copies of a letter, dated July 3, 1939, addressed to the Attorney General, by Mr. A. Pickus, President, Majestic Oil Corporation, 2455 West Third Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Department of Justice
Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington

July 10, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

It has occurred to me that you might wish to have the attached correspondence from Mr. A. Pickus, President, Majestic Oil Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, for consideration in connection with the current investigation in Louisiana.

Matthew F. McGuire
Matthew F. McGuire
Acting Assistant to the Attorney General

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MAJESTIC OIL CORPORATION

2455 West Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio

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July 3, 1939

Attorney General Frank Murphy
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: Reorganization of the Louisiana Oil Refining
Corporation and Louisiana Oil Corporation

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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Please have this in mind that Mr. Henry L. Dougherty and his schemers have loaded dice. They think that every person has his price. If \$10,000 won't do the trick then \$25,000 or more will do it. He has succeeded so well in the past that he and his gang stole enough from the American people to pay all the conniving lawyers who control our weak judges to put the shady deals over for them.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Henry L. Dougherty deserves a monument to be built for him next to Washington—he is a master mind. He proved how he can get away with hundred of millions of dollars through scheming and still be a fine gentleman. The system must be changed so a man like Dougherty is eliminated.

District Attorney Fields for the Western District of
Louisiana.

I talked to him long-distance from Cleveland, December 1938, and he made an appointment for me to see him in Shreveport, Louisiana. I made this trip to see him but when I arrived he would not see me. I was told in Shreveport that he is a "cheap politician."

It is about time that the ninety six District Attorneys in the United States are carefully scrutinized and investigated and the great majority of them relieved of their duties.

You will have to get new brooms in order to sweep clean. By this, I mean you will have to replace all the political stooges in the Justice Department before you can reach Mr. Henry L. Dougherty and conniving judges like Judge Manton.

Very respectfully,

/s/ A. Pickus

AP/

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

AC:RLA

July 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Agent Shivers called from New Orleans and reported that the last edition of the "New Orleans State" contained the following headlines: "U. S. Indicts Five. Murphy, G-Man Chief Come in for Probe"; then type under that reads, "United States Attorney General, Frank Murphy and Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Will Arrive in New Orleans, Tuesday Morning to Personally Take Charge of Wide Spread Investigation, Now Being Conducted in Louisiana by the Government." Mr. Shivers stated that this was all the papers had related in this connection, and as yet had been unable to find the source of their information; however, he did hear from the United Press, who understood that the State had received information that reservations had been made at the St. Charles Hotel for the Attorney General and the Director, which, of course, is not true.

Agent Shivers advised that he had made inquiry of the Assistant Manager at the St. Charles Hotel, as to what he had in the way of a suite and in the way of accommodations, and I told the Assistant Manager that it might be possible in the near future, without indicating any time, that the Attorney General and Mr. Hoover might come to New Orleans. This was strictly in confidence and the Assistant Manager at the Hotel says that positively he did not give out any information. The Assistant Manager related that after the story came out in the paper, the United Press and Associated Press called and wanted to know if Mr. Hoover or the Attorney General had a reservation at his hotel, and he informed them that he did not have and were not expected there so far as he knew.

Agent Shivers said he did not know what information had been given out from Washington, or what instructions Mr. Rogge had received in this regard, as he has not been able to get in touch with him. Shivers is desirous of learning the authenticity of the report, and requested that Mr. Hoover be advised of this information.

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Respectfully,

A. Cornelius

A. Cornelius
Assistant Supervisor

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:GVC

July 17, 1939

Time: 9:40 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Special Agent Shivers in New Orleans and told him that you had not made any plans to go to New Orleans, although there was a possibility that the Attorney General had announced that both of you were going to New Orleans. I also told Mr. Shivers if the Attorney General had made such an announcement that you had not been advised of it.

I instructed Mr. Shivers to make no comment on this matter to the press.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Time 1:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Louisiana Situation

I telephoned Robert Shivers to advise him that the Attorney General had instructed Mr. Rogge that under no circumstances were any indictments to be returned until the Attorney General had approved, which was the same understanding that the Attorney General had with United States Attorney Fioscoe. Agent Shivers stated that they intended to have the indictments returned today.

I instructed Agent Shivers to keep in very close touch with this situation and try to find out whether they have grounds for a mail fraud case. Agent Shivers stated that from his conversation with Mr. Rogge, they do not have much more evidence than what is contained in the summary report which Agent Weeks made on July 14th. Agent Shivers and I both agreed that this did not appear to be very strong evidence. I stated that we must watch this case for to indict Seymour Weiss will be a terrific fight and we must be prepared as there is no doubt that he is guilty.

Agent Shivers stated he would keep me in close touch with this and advise me immediately of any new developments.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Time 4:15 PM

Name Mr. Shivers

New Orleans

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Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Schilder
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Miss Gandy

The following message was taken:

The indictments were just returned against Seymour Weiss, Monte Hart, James Munroe Smith, Henry Adams and Louis LeSage; that the A. G. authorized Rogge and Viosca to go ahead; that it was imperative that the indictments be returned today since the Grand Jurors wanted to return the indictments and because the Judge was leaving the city until Friday and if the indictments were not returned today they would have to wait until Friday; that the conclusion had been reached that some action was necessary to prevent creating the impression that the Grand Jury was just engaged in a "white-wash". Mr. Shivers stated that the bond was set at \$10,000 each; that the newspapers were furnished with a copy of the indictment and would be on the streets with the story immediately.

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RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING. THIS AFTERNOON
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ELLISON AND HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, J. FAIR
HARDIN, CONFERRED WITH USA VIOSCA AT NEW ORLEANS IN AN EFFORT TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM VIOSCA CONCERNING RESULTS FEDERAL INVESTI-
GATIONS. VIOCA DID NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION. FROM INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY JM. FAIR HARDIN TO VIOSCA, IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE GOOD
MAIL FRAUD CASE IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF BIENVILLE HOTEL TO LUXX
LSU DURING WHICH SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS PAID THREE INDI-
VIDUALS ALLEGEDLY AS COMMISSIONS. THIS MAIL FRAUD POSSIBILITY IS
PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE INSPECTORS AND IF IT
DEVELOPS INTO A CASE WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE J. EMORY ADAMS, MONTE
HART, LEWIS LESAGE, WHO IS A CONTACT MAN FOR STANDARD OIL COMPANY
AND POSSIBLY JAMES MONROE SMITH. THE POST OFFICE INSPECTORS INVESTI-
GATION HAS NOT YET REACHED A POINT WHERE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE IS
KNOWN. J. FAIR HARDIN IS ACTIVELY TAKING LEAD AS STATE PROSECUTOR
AND IS ACTIVELY HANDLING GRAND JURY AT BATON ROUGE. HE IS GETTING
READY TO RETURN ABOUT THIRTY INDICTMENTS AGAINST JAMES MONROE SMITH
MAINLY CHARGING FORGERY OF LSU BONDS. U. S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE EXPECTS
TO HAVE SOME WPA IRREGULARITY INDICTMENTS RETURNED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK

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